

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CG Docket No. 02-278

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce would like to register its opposition to the recent FCC ruling concerning the transmission of unsolicited facsimile advertisements. This ruling is contained within the Report and Order amending the regulations that implement the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA).

The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce strives to promote long-term economic prosperity and job creation within the Greater Boston metropolitan area and beyond. The Chamber believes that the implementation of this rule would greatly impact the ability of businesses and organizations to communicate via facsimile with their current and prospective customers. By eliminating the "established business relationship" provision of existing FCC rules, this decision would require businesses and nonprofits to obtain written consent from their customers and members before sending faxes advertising goods, services, programs and memberships.

We feel that this ruling, while well-intentioned, would have the unintended consequence of dramatically inhibiting the normal business operations that sustain many of our member companies. The disruption to routine commercial communications caused by these regulations would add an undue economic burden to companies of all sizes, as they will be forced to carry-out the costly and time-intensive process of obtaining written authorizations from each customer they wish to fax and maintaining these records to safeguard against potential litigation.

The Chamber believes this ruling was drafted and adopted without proper input from the business and association community. As a result, the Chamber respectfully requests that the Commission reconsider this proposal and order a temporary stay of the rule impacting commercial faxes until the business community has had an opportunity to provide additional comments.

The Chamber would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of our comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Guzzi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Guzzi
President and Chief Executive Officer
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce